

The Snyder Signal

TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

SNYDER, Scurry County, Texas, Friday, October 16, 1914.

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TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH NEAR CANYON

SAD ACCIDENT OCCURRED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, ABOUT ONE O'CLOCK—HOUSE AND ENTIRE CONTENTS TOTALLY DESTROYED—FAMILY RECENTLY MOVED HERE FROM TAHOKA TO FIND WORK.

One of the saddest accidents that ever happened in Scurry county took place Wednesday afternoon about one o'clock when the home of Dave Ruggles was destroyed by fire, in the Canyon neighborhood, about 11 miles southwest of Snyder and two of his children were burned to death.

Mr. Ruggles is working for Zeb Wood, on the West Bailer place in the Canyon neighborhood and was occupying a two room frame house. He was out in the cotton fields about a mile away and had just finished his lunch when he noticed his house in flames.

Mrs. Ruggles had washed Wednesday morning and shortly afterward had gone to the home of a neighbor nearby for some milk for the baby, and had left the baby, a boy four months old and another little fellow about 18 months old, asleep in the house. She was accompanied by their only other child, a boy three or four years of age. She had not been away thirty minutes when she discovered her home on fire. Before any one could reach the place the house was on fire and beyond control. Nothing could be done by Mrs. Ruggles or

others arriving, to rescue the children or any of the contents of the house.

The feet, arms and heads of the children were burned off. The gruesome remains were recovered by Mr. J. H. Taylor and others and were interred Wednesday afternoon in the Golden grave yard near Canyon school house.

All the household effects of the family and most of their clothing were destroyed.

Mr. Ruggles has been in Scurry county for only a few months, coming from Tahoka. The family is said to be deserving and they certainly have the sincere and profound sympathy of the entire country in the awful calamity that has overtaken them.

The Signal is informed by Mr. J. H. Taylor of the Canyon neighborhood that the family is left in destitute circumstances, and that any contribution given them will be appreciated. Any person in this community desiring to help them can leave their contributions with O. P. Thrane.

LANE'S CASE WAS DISMISSED

Court of Civil Appeals Holds It Has No Jurisdiction in Case.

Galveston, Oct. 12.—The Court of Civil Appeals today dismissed the case of W. P. Lane against Jeff McLenore, contesting the former's nomination as Congressman-at-Large.

The court ruled that it was without jurisdiction in the case.

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED AT ANGLETON

It will be remembered that after the murder at Angleton last year of Mrs. J. M. Selts, a negro named Jim Dyer was arrested and upon strong, circumstantial evidence, was convicted of the murder and sentenced to death.

Later, upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, Governor Colquitt commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. The Angleton people were incensed at what they believed defeat of justice and a mob took the negro from the officers Wednesday and hanged him.

THEIR MOTHER SERIOUSLY SICK AT HEREFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ward will leave Friday morning for Hereford in response to a telegram received Thursday by Mr. Ward, saying that his mother, Mrs. J. J. Ward is seriously sick and not expected to live.

Some Cotton Picking.

W. H. Huckabee was in Monday from his farm 3 1/2 miles west of town and showed the cotton picking record made on his farm last Friday.

Clyde Lewis, 442 pounds,
Dallas Lewis, 425 pounds,
Virgil Gardner, 413 pounds,
Lester Huckabee, 503 pounds,
W. D. Huckabee, 496 pounds.
Lester weighed all the cotton and W. D. had a very hard and did his picking with one hand.

Warsaw May Fall.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Warsaw, capital of Russian Poland, is threatened by German forces and may fall at any moment, according to an official dispatch to the American government today from one of its consuls, who asks for instructions during the expected period of occupancy.

"JIM CROW" CASE ARGUED

Railroad Raises Contention That May Nullify the Statute.

Austin Statesman:

The case of the State of Texas vs. Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway company was tried Monday before Judge George Calhoun of the Fifty-third District Court, for penalties for alleged violation of the State's Jim Crow Law. It is alleged by the State that the defendant Railway Company permitted negroes to ride in a tourist car with white people between San Antonio and El Paso.

The railway company contends that the train, of which the tourist car was a part, was an interstate train and that should the court hold the "Jim Crow" applies to such a train, then the law is unconstitutional.

A decision in the case is expected within the next few days.

NEW WAREHOUSE MANAGER EMPLOYED

The Signal learns that Harvey Shuler has been elected as manager of the Farmers' Union Warehouse and has entered upon his new duties this week. Harvey has been selling goods for the Farmers' Union Store for the past year or two, and his quiet, gentlemanly bearing and sociable disposition makes friends for him all along the line.

He is a safe, energetic young business man and will make good in his new work.

Pat Johnston has accepted a position in the store to succeed Harvey in the mercantile line. This is another good selection. Everybody knows Pat.

Public Weigher Jenkins and Weigher Elmer Evans are also active at the yard and warehouse.

FOUR MONTHS OLD BABY DIED NEAR TIA

The four months old baby of Pink Ingram, died Wednesday at the home of W. W. Ingram, near Iva. The child's mother died there quite suddenly about two weeks ago. It is said that the father of the child is not here and his whereabouts are not known to his relatives.

H. Heron was here Tuesday from Sweetwater.

FLUVANNA TRADES DAY A SUCCESS

Large Crowd Gathered to Enjoy Day—Fine Showing of Agricultural and Other Products.

Last Saturday was Trades Day at Fluvanna and this representative of The Signal was there.

The business men had advertised the event and had the active support of the people of the community.

Fluvanna is a live town supported by an extensive area of fine farm and pasture lands.

The people are enterprising and progressive. They have good homes and probably more good, well furnished church buildings than any other town of the size in Texas.

I reached the town about 11:20 a. m., along with Judge Perkins who went up on law business. I had no business, just went to see the folks and witness the trading. A fine crowd came in during the afternoon and had a good social half day.

The merchants and their clerks were all busy. Prof. Bills was enjoying his Saturday out. He has a good school there. The enrollment now is 50, and others will come in as soon as cotton picking ceases up.

Just now every cotton field around there is white. The gin is running day and night. A. H. Smith is there building a big cotton warehouse and the people intend to store some of their crop to hold for better prices.

Early in the day the people began to come in with samples of produce for exhibit at the State Bank. Cashier Smith of that institution had arranged his house for the display. H. Nesbitt had a showing of sweet potatoes.

B. F. Collier, red and white maize. J. H. Bley, maize and kaffir.

Mrs. J. A. Weems, exhibited a heifer that weighed 6 1/4 pounds.

Ross Staveley, J. B. Bley and J. W. Paulk, showed fine cotton.

J. E. Jones came in with some good maize and Indian corn. Others brought in fine specimens, but we were not able to get the complete list.

Then the interest transferred to the stock show at the wagon yard. There were twenty colts in the ring. After careful inspection of the bunch the judges awarded first premium to an elegant bay belonging to J. B. Bley.

For the best male colt, Lou Deere won first.

Best bull, any age, Will Strickland.

Best pen of chickens, W. D. Harris. Best stalk of cotton, Ross Staveley. Best peck of sweet potatoes, W. H. Nesbitt.

Best turkeys, J. T. Lindley. Best heifer, Mrs. J. A. Weems. Best six ears corn, J. E. Jones. Sack race—Claird Philipps 1st, Louis Jones, 2nd.

After the out door entertainment came a cake feast at the big store of W. H. Jones where the ladies had prepared a generous supply of delicious cake. The prize cake was baked by Miss Ruby Dowdy.

It was my pleasure to spend Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weems, parents of our county attorney elect and Texas has no more noble old couple than this.

On Sunday we attended the Methodist Sunday school where Bro. Landrum is superintendent. They have an interesting school. Bro. Young the pastor was away at a country appointment.

From there I went to the Presbyterian church and heard a profound, logical sermon by Brother Tate. Bro. Leach of the Baptist church was there and it did me good to note the splendid fraternal spirit prevailing among Christian people.

A short visit in the afternoon with Mr. H. H. Haynes was a pleasant feature of my visit at Fluvanna. Mr. Haynes is depot agent, telegraph operator, school trustee and expert—tends his 548 acre farm near town, and keeps the Signal reader's informant every week of the social, educational and business doings in and about that flourishing town.

PRETTY WEDDING THURSDAY EVENING

Former-Strayhorn Nuptials—Venerable Former Pastor Performs Marriage Ceremony.

As the Signal goes to press on Thursday evening, the friends and acquaintances are assembling at the First Presbyterian church to witness the marriage of Miss Willie Bob Strayhorn and Mr. J. Arch Farmer, both of Snyder.

The church is prettily decorated and the wedding settings are sacredly impressive.

Rob and Roy Strayhorn, nephews of the bride are the ushers for the occasion and to precede the bride and groom to the altar.

Following them will come the contracting parties, while Miss Marion Halstrom and Mr. J. D. Boyd will render Mendelssohn's wedding march. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. W. W. Werner, who many years ago received Miss Willie into the church and was her pastor in early life.

Mr. Farmer is one of our best citizens, recognized for his honesty and integrity. He is employed in the rural mail service and is well liked by all who know him.

The bride has resided in Snyder practically all her life and is highly esteemed for her purity of character and her splendid personality.

She is a daughter of the late Judge Strayhorn and is of one of the best and most prominent families in the county.

The Signal joins their hosts of friends in congratulations.

ROMANCE IN THE COTTON PATCH

Sheriff Boies has a bunch of Mexicans picking cotton for him and they are going about it after the Mexican fashion, but they had a little romantic upheaval early this week. One of the men in the party, who it is said has a wife in New Mexico, decided that a dilemma so far away was of no benefit here and he persuaded a woman about 14 years old to leave with him to get married.

It is said they traveled as far as Sweetwater, where they were intercepted and their matrimonial plans were frustrated. They came back Wednesday morning and it is supposed have resumed duty in the cotton field.

A Family of Preachers

Rev. Clark of Waco, was here last Sunday in the interest of the Methodist Orphan Home in that city. He preached Sunday night at the Methodist church and worked among the harder people Monday.

The orphanage is now very much crowded and Rev. Clark is working up a fund to build more rooms.

Rev. Clark comes of a family of preachers. He has three brothers in the Methodist ministry. Rev. M. W. Clark, of Brown, is one of the four preacher brothers.

POOL HALL INJECTION DENIED AT SWEETWATER

A hearing on the application for injunction to prevent the coming of the pool hall to Sweetwater pending a contest of the recent election was held this morning at ten o'clock before District Judge, W. W. Bond.

Att. W. E. Ponder represented the applicants and Mr. Geo. T. Williams represented the prohibitory side of the issue. After the case was submitted and arguments heard from both sides, the court overruled the motion for injunction—Sweetwater Reporter.

A Car of Motatoes

Our drummer friend J. L. Andrews had a solid car of motatoes unloaded in Snyder this week. A town that can handle a whole car of one brand of motatoes besides all the other brands handled is undoubtedly a flourishing town and reveling in sweetness.

Hon. T. F. Baker made a business trip to Post City this week.

COUNTY COURT NOW IN SESSION

Attendance Small on Account of Busy Season—Jury Cases Set for October 26.

County Court convened here last Monday with Judge C. R. Buchanan on the bench. Sheriff Boies and County Clerk Skinner were at their posts of duty.

Owing to the busy season, the attendance of the citizenship was small.

The Court transacted a fair run of business. Two jury cases have been set for October 26.

The following civil cases were heard:

Ed. Kelly vs. N. B. Moore, suit for commission. On appeal.

E. A. Birdwell vs. R. S. & P. Ry. Co., suit for damages, continued.

C. L. Keel vs. W. H. Stamps, et al., suit for damages, on appeal.

W. T. Rawleigh Med. Co. vs. F. M. Campbell, et al suit on account. Continued to agreement.

Harace Helley vs. Farmers' Hall Exchange, suit on insurance contract, continued for service.

Z. F. Samples vs. W. N. Sherkelford, suit on note. Judgment for plaintiff.

T. J. Stewart vs. Hermleigh Mercantile Co., collection, set for Oct. 26.

Higginbotham-Harris Lumber Co., garnishment, dismissed.

W. H. Clements vs. James Binns et al., defendants granted leave to file amended answer. Set for Oct. 26.

The Bishop-Babcock-Bicker Co. vs. Snyder Drug Company, judgment for plaintiff.

Richard McFarland, plea of guilty of aggravated assault. Fined \$25. His appeal, setting aside the conviction in prohibition territory. Continued till next term of court.

GERMANS SEEM TO BE MAKING SLIGHT GAINS

The midweek reports from war torn Europe are far from looking favorable for the allied nations. The Belgian government which was moved some time ago from Brussels to Bordeaux has now been moved into France. It has been reported that the Germans have been planning to march into English territory and Tuesday's news said the British Colonies in South Africa are in revolt. This will call for attention from the British. This move in Europe has been planned by Germany preparatory to an attack on the strongholds in England.

Singing Convention at Iva.

The regular Scurry County Singing Convention will be held at Iva on the fourth Sunday in this month and Saturday night before. There will be a general spread of dinner Sunday for everybody. Some of the best singers and best trained choirs expect to be present.

Firing For H. S. & P.

Mr. P. O. Keer who has been residing on the T & P and residing at the Springs has recently taken the job of locomotive firing on the R. & P. train. He arrived upon his new duties this week and his family will reside at Brown.

A SIGNAL MAN SEES THE SNYDER OIL FIELD.

Through the courtesy of Mr. M. A. Fuller, manager of the Fuller Cactus Oil Company, a Signal representative was shown through this magnificent plant.

Mr. S. P. Caldwell, of Ft. Worth, who has recently taken charge of the inside work was particularly courteous and escorted the visitor over the mill. Everything is in the shape and the work is thoroughly systematic.

Mr. Fuller stated that the mill is being operated with a half force of men, but he hopes to be able to be running day and night in a short time.

Postmaster E. B. Barnes spent Monday night in Sweetwater.

LOCAL YARD

All Gins Running Over Time and Yards Full of Wagons.

The ginning reports from the four gins in Snyder up to noon Thursday were:

Bears-Darby Gin, 395;
Fuller Gin, 324;
Briess-Burnett Gin, 331;
Farmers Union Gin, 652.
Warehouse and yard receipts 3,340.

Prices ruled a shade better Thursday, selling around 6.50.

The weather is especially good for picking. The light frost will cause the remaining bolls to open rapidly.

FIGURES AND ESTIMATES ON COTTON GINNING

Mr. J. C. Maxwell, superintendent of the cotton census for Scurry county reports that up to October 1st, this year there had been ginned 1,432 bales in this county, as against 1,252 bales up to the same date last year. There are eleven gins in the county running on full time, ginning probably an average of thirty bales a day each which would amount to 330 bales a day in the county. There have been twelve working days in October and estimating that all the county gins have turned out 360 bales a day that would be 4320 bales which added to the amount in September would make 5,032 bales, and it is estimated that the crop is not more than one-fourth out.

A Touch of Winter.

Tuesday and Wednesday brought us a decided touch of winter and there was a light frost here Wednesday morning. Overcasts were in evidence and the demand for heating stoves was noticeable.

The frost was not enough to do any noticeable damage to growing vegetation.

The few men who have taken his seat for the winter and the coal dealer is in the front row with a smile that can't be rubbed off with soap.

CONDITIONS IN SCURRY COUNTY

Why should the people in West Texas be blue and why should people go about predicting that times will be harder next year than ever before? For two or three years the farmers have had to live hard. Now they have their harvest full. There are more hogs on feed than there used to be and more pork is being raised than ever before.

It is true that central prices are dreadfully low, but the crop is up and being more money is considerable. This does not mean for cotton. Last year most farmers are selling only just enough to pay what they owe and the rest will be held in the hope of better prices. All points considered looks like Scurry county is pretty well fixed.

SCURRY COUNTY HAS A STATE CANDIDATE

Scurry County has the distinction this year of having a candidate for a state office. G. A. Lambeth, of Iva, is running, he is being run for Railroad Commissioner of Texas on the socialist ticket.

It is hardly probable that even Mr. Lambeth anticipates that he will be put to the trouble of moving to Austin to look after the duties of this office, but it is an honor well conferred. The Signal can attest to the true worth and merit of G. A. Lambeth, and if we were a Socialist we'd be glad to vote for him.

He is an honest, brainy man and not a thing the matter with him only he has gone wrong in politics, according to our way of thinking.

Rig Pen of Hogs.

J. W. Russell, whose home is a mile south of town made a big maize crop and he went over east sometime ago and bought 175 head of hogs to fatten. They are doing fine and in a few weeks he will have enough fat hogs to feed several of the hungry non-producers in Europe.